

Board of Selectmen
Minutes September 08, 2015

Convened at 6:00 pm

Present: Ken Christiansen, Chair
Jane Byrne
Jeffrey Bryan
Robert Mantegari

The Board met and reviewed payroll, accounts payable and signed the register. The Selectmen reviewed and signed the recreation register.

Jonathan Ellis was in to present the weekly Treasurer's report. Please see last page to view report.

Bryan made a motion, 2nd by Mantegari to approve the public minutes of 9/1/15 as written. All were in favor.

Bryan made a motion, 2nd by Mantegari to approve the nonpublic minutes of 9/1/15 as written. All were in favor.

Byrne made a motion, 2nd by Mantegari to approve the public minutes of 8/18/15 as written. The motion carried with Bryan abstaining.

Building Inspector, Kip Kaiser, had the following building permits to be signed this week:

- Greg Delea, 26 Eleanor's Way, 12 X 16 shed and convert oil to propane: signed by Board.

Warren McLeod, Chairman of Trustees for the Pilgrim United Church, was present to discuss the tax bill that was received for back land owned by the church. McLeod said this parcel has never been taxed until 2014 and contests that it should remain exempt. He said the land is not productive, landlocked, and further restricted by a federal conservation easement. The parcel contains 44 acres of excess back land. Clement said it began being taxed in 2014 due to the software conversion between assessing and tax. Clement said Jim Michaud has met with McLeod and Mr. Tucker (the church's counsel) to discuss the assessment and appropriate remedies. It was Michaud's opinion that the exemption should be removed because that land is not used for religious purposes, simply being owned by the church does not qualify. Clement said Michaud and Tucker agreed that the appropriate course of action would be to file an abatement and to place the land in current use. Both applications were filed, submitted to the board of selectmen, and approved. Based on this approval the tax liability was reduced to about \$129 annually depending on the acceptable range for current use. Bryan said it is all one parcel. Clement said the only portion that would qualify is the amount of land actively used for religious purposes i.e. the building, parking lot, etc. Bryan said it is all owned by the church and they did give the town the land for the highway shed. Mantegari made a motion, 2nd by Byrne to allow the exemption to remain as long as it is owned by Pilgrim United Church and remains a religious entity. All were in favor. Clement said she will have the abatement paperwork next week.

Bryan made a motion, 2nd by Mantegari to approve an intent to cut for Three Ponds Campground. All were in favor.

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Clement said the Town is not on the agenda for the delegation meeting scheduled for 9/16/2015. The delegation coordinator will be back in touch as Clement has expressed a need to meet with them by year's end.

Bryan made a motion, 2nd by Christiansen to approve \$1989.98 from police impact fees to purchase 2 new (additional) work stations for the squad room and booking room. The motion carried with Mantegari opposed.

Rob Wofchuck is concerned with the labor match required for 2 grants awarded to the town. Both require a match of labor from the highway department. With a full timer out, Wofchuck was concerned with meeting the commitment. Clement said they were looking at getting quotes from a couple of vendors in particular, Kevin Fuller. Byrne said the excavator is in the grant budget, they just need someone to operate it. Bryan said if Fuller cannot do it, he would.

Clement said Logan Hipes, the new live in would like to store his hunting equipment in his room. Clement said it can be kept secure in a safe and his room is locked when he is away from it. Mantegari said the safe needs to be secure to prevent anyone from removing it from the room. Bryan said to confirm the type of safe with Hipes. Clement said Lemoine should aware of the location of the safe and ensure that it is always secure. Bryan made a motion, 2nd by Byrne to allow the storage in a safe and secure safe and the room must be locked. All were in favor.

The parcel of land in Fremont that the town owns is part of the Demeritt property on Rte. 111A. There is 0.5 ac that extends into Fremont. Paul Champigny, owns a home in Brentwood with excess land that extends into Fremont. He is the direct abutter. Clement said they may be able to do a lot line adjustment and make the town line the property line. Bryan said that the sale of the land would need to go to town meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 6:31 pm made by Mantegari, 2nd by Byrne. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Clement

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WEEKLY TREASURER'S REPORT				
DATE:			9/8/2015	
Citizens General Fund:				
	Previous Balance:		24,825.79	
	Deposits:		24,257.60	
	Payroll:		14,896.66	DD: 10600.08 CKS: 4296.58
	FICA:		3,709.78	
	to Impact Fees			
	A/P: Regular		222,201.25	Swasey: \$180,000
	Void check			
	From MMA		210,000.00	
	TO MMA			
	Account Balance:		18,275.70	
	Interest Earned YTD:		22.33	
CD's:	Unrestricted Balance:			
MMA:	Unrestricted Balance:		2,903,604.98	
	Total Invested Funds:		2,903,604.98	
	Interest Earned YTD:		5,180.02	
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